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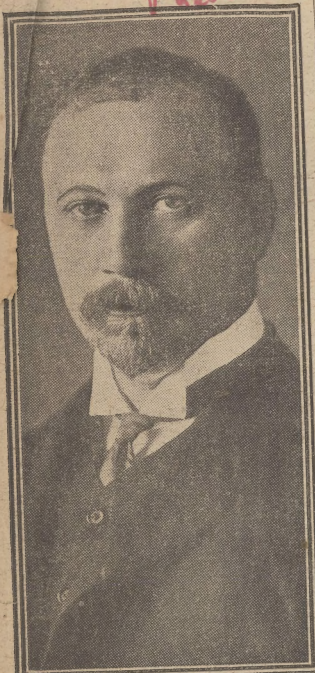
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GENERAL SMUTS PROMOTED.



General Smuts, the victor of German East Africa, to be honorary lieutenant-general.—(Elliott and Fry.)

A FIELD-MARSHAL'S BATON FOR SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.



General Sir Douglas Haig, has been promoted Field-Marshal for distinguished service. The Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in the West is here seen with his two little daughters, Alexandra and Victoria. He was married in 1905 to the Hon. Dorothy Vivian, a Lady of Grace the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and a daughter of the third Baron Vivian.

PRINCE AT THE FRONT.



Prince Leopold, of Belgium, King Albert's son, testing the soup at a field kitchen in Flanders.

WHERE SMUTS HAS BEATEN THE HUN.



The Sultan of Zanzibar testing a Lewis gun during General Smuts' victorious campaign in "German" East Africa.

ELECTED CHAIRMAN.



Lackworth, elected chairman of the Sam Company in place of her father, Rhonda, who has resigned.

THE KING OF HUNGARY'S CROWN.



The crown of St. Stephen, a relic of Byzantine art, which was used at the coronation of the new King of Hungary.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG A FIELD-MARSHAL—SIR H. RAWLINSON PROMOTED

New Year Honours for British Bravery on Land and Sea.

JUTLAND HEROES.

Within a few hours of the publication of Sir Douglas Haig's great story of the British offensive on the Somme comes the news that his Majesty has been graciously pleased to promote him to the rank of Field-Marshal.

The announcement, which is made in the *London Gazette* of to-day's date, will be received with profound satisfaction, not only in the British Army, but throughout the far-flung Empire.

Among other honours for "distinguished service in the field" are the following—

To Be General.

Lieutenant-General (Temporary General) Sir H. S. Rawlinson, Bart., K.C.B., K.C.V.O.

To Be Lieutenant-Generals.

Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) Sir L. E. Kiggell, K.C.B.

Major-General (Temporary General) H. S. Home, K.C.B.

Major-General (Temporary General) Sir H. De la P. Gough, K.C.B.

Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) G. F. Milne, C.B., D.S.O.

Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) F. R., Earl of Cavan, C.B., M.V.O.

To Be Honorary Lieutenant-General.

Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) the Honourable J. C. Smuts, K.C.

In addition to the foregoing the *Gazette* contains the names of twenty-four new major-generals, all of whom were colonels or lieutenant-colonels, holding temporary higher rank. One of these is Major and Brevet-Colonel (Temporary Major-General) H. M. Trenchard. There are, too, two honorary major-generals, sixty brevet colonels and hundreds of promotions in the lower ranks. Among the K.C.B.s is Major-General (Temporary Lieutenant-General) Walter Norris Gough, V.C.

957 D.S.O.s.

The Order of the Bath is conferred on fifty-two officers (including one Australian, two Canadians and one New Zealander) and the Order of St. Michael and St. George on 143 officers (including six Australians, five Canadians and one New Zealander).

Among 357 officers who receive the Distinguished Service Order are seventy-nine Australians, sixty-five Canadians, fifteen New Zealanders and four South Africans.

The list also includes thirty-seven honours in connection with the Jutland battle, eighty-five officers for mine-sweeping operations, forty-eight petty officers and men for submarine service, and sixty-four naval officers.

SUBMARINE HEROES.

Among the new Companions of the Distinguished Service Order are—

Lieut.-Commander John de Burgh Jessop, R.N.

Made a successful submarine attack on an enemy light cruiser on October 19, 1916.

Com. Frederick Edward Ketelbey Strong, R.N. For the successful manner in which he conducted C.M.S. Durr's actions with the armed yacht Horzog Elisabeth, Joss Battery, and the armed vessel Nachtigal on September 9, 11 and 16, 1914, respectively as well as other important duties.

Bar to the Distinguished Service Order.

Commander Noel Frank Laurence, D.S.O., R.N.

Made a successful submarine attack on an enemy battle squadron on November 5, 1916.

Recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross include—

Sub-Lieutenant Guy Trevelion Sholl, R.N.V.R.

Had charge of a squadron of armoured cars in Armenia and Persia. By his presence of mind he saved the cars when they were ambushed by the Turks at Marzik on September 1, 1916, and by courage and hard work he effected the capture of the village of Nerschen on September 9, and secured the explosion of a Turkish magazine, with great loss to the enemy.

JUTLAND BATTLE ECHOES.

Many additional honours and commendations for service in the battle of Jutland are announced. They include—

To Be Companions of the D.S.O.

Fleet Surgeon Ernest Alfred Penfold, M.B., R.N.

Was in the fore medical distributing station when a shell burst outside, killing and wounding many. He was knocked down, bruised and shaken, but assisted in the removal of the wounded, and tended them for forty hours without rest.

Commander John Coombe Hodgson, R.N.

Led destroyer attack on enemy battle cruisers, but becoming engaged with enemy destroyers, was unable to get within range.

On conclusion of gun attack, in which several hostile destroyers were sunk and the enemy beaten off, he attacked enemy submarines and fired four torpedoes under very hot fire of enemy battleships.

Lieutenant-Commander Evelyn Claude Ogilvie Thomson, R.N.

Senior officer of a division of destroyers, and defeated the enemy's torpedo boats, gallantly attacking them with torpedoes on enemy destroyers.

"PEACEFUL" HOUR.

Two Small Dogs Begin the Interruptions at a Pacifist Meeting.

FLAGS WAVED BY SOLDIERS.

For over an hour yesterday afternoon Victoria Park was the scene of intense excitement over a peace meeting held by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and several other members of the Workers' Suffrage Federation.

Members of the Board of Trade were called thieves, the Government was abused for ignoring the German peace overtures and particularly the American Note, and the war was described as a production of the capitalists.

The row was started by two little dogs. During the speeches they rushed in and caused an opening for active protests, which judging by the cries and energetic interruption of the speeches, the people longed for.

Two old soldiers waving the Union Jack and singing "The Red, White and Blue," rushed at



Gen. Sir H. Rawlinson. Earl of Cavan. Who are among the recipients of New Year Honours.

the platform, and, followed by the crowd, swept that structure of all it contained and carried it off the ground.

Miss Pankhurst had a narrow escape from being seriously trampled on, and Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. Cresswell and Miss Drake crushed to the ground. One woman cried out: "My husband is going to the front next week to fight for liberty. This is the liberty I am getting here."

The police had decided to take no energetic measures unless something very serious was anticipated, but the parkkeepers did what was necessary to clear the park.

KAISER'S WAR BOASTS.

"Victories" East and West and in the Skagerrack.

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.—According to a telegram from Berlin, the Kaiser has issued the following order to the army and navy:

Again a year of war lies behind us, with hard fighting and sacrifice, rich in successes and victories.

The hopes which our enemies put in 1916 have been foiled. All their assaults east and west have collapsed through our bravery and devotion.

Our recent triumphal march through Rumania has, by Divine Providence, again added imperishable laurels to your banners.

The biggest naval battle of this war was our victory in the Skagerrack, and the gallant undertakings of our submarines have secured to my navy glory and admiration for ever.

You are victorious in all the theatres of war on land and on sea. A grateful Fatherland looks at you with unshakable confidence and proud reliance. The incomparable warlike spirit alive in your ranks, your tenacity, your never slackening will to vanquish, your love of Fatherland are to me a guarantee that in the new year also victory will remain with our banners.

God also in the future will be with us.—(Signed) Wilhelm.—Reuter.

SINN FEINERS AGAIN.

Soldiers Attacked by Mob at Cork—Police Baton Charge.

Serious riots broke out in Cork again on Saturday night, between soldiers and a crowd of Sinn Feiners numbering about 600.

Fifty soldiers returning from an entertainment at half past ten were attacked by the crowd and had to flee. The police came to the assistance of the military and charged the crowd with batons, in the course of which several were injured, and the crowd broke and scattered. Isolated soldiers were afterwards attacked.

HUNS' CALL TO CRIPPLES.

COPENHAGEN, Sunday.—The *Wilhelmshavener Zeitung* publishes an announcement signed by the Mayor of Wilhelmshaven calling for lady volunteers to fill the remaining posts under the municipality, "as all the men have been called up for war service."

The notice adds that for the higher municipal positions women, old men and cripples who are willing to serve must in some cases be prepared to undergo a course of training.—Reuter.

20 HOURS MAROONED.

Shipwrecked Crew's Ordeal on Rocky Island—Signals of Distress.

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST.

Twenty-one survivors of the ill-fated steamer *Alondra*, which struck the rocks outside Baltimore (Co. Cork), were landed at Queenstown yesterday.

While the ship remained firmly fixed two lifeboats were launched, five members of the crew getting away in one of them and sixteen in the other.

Eighteen, including the captain and officers, remained on the vessel for sixteen hours, great waves washing over them continuously. Finally they reached the rocky island, where they were marooned for twenty hours, waving signals of distress for help.

The lifeboat with the sixteen men was capsized three times in the course of attempts to keep it off the rocky coast. Four of the occupants died and nine were drowned. The remainder, who had scarcely any clothing, held on to the overturned raft until rescued by a motorboat and placed on board a trawler.

The eighteen men of the island were taken off by the motorboat and conveyed to a trawler. When they reached port they were so exhausted that they were hardly able to speak. The *Alondra* (2,240 tons), one of the vessels of the Yeoward Line, Liverpool, was formerly the *Don Hugo*.

Vessels which proceeded to the assistance of the *Alondra*, says a Central News Queens-town message, have returned without seeing anything of the ship, which is accordingly believed to have foundered.

TWO GLRIOUS V.C.s.

Captain Rescues a Corporal Over 400 Yards of Fire-Swept Ground.

Two gloriously V.C.s have been awarded by the King to Capt. W. A. Bloomfield and to Lieutenant E. P. Inett.

That to Captain Bloomfield, of the Scouts Corps of the Alan Mounted Brigade, is awarded for first all getting his company out of a tight corner subsequently going out, rescuing Corporal Inett, whom he carried over 400 yards of fire-swept ground.

Temporary Lieutenant Bennett, of the Worcesters, when in command of the second wave of attackers by his personal example of valour and resolution reached his objective with but sixty men.

Isolated with small party, he consolidated his position under heavy fire and machine gun fire, and, although wounded, remained in command directing the fighting.

EMPISS OF PITY.

Foe's Barities Denounced by Russ Queen-Mother.

Describing Visit to the Dowager Empress of Russia and of hospitals in which her Majesty is invited, a special correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company said:—

Repeatedly, as the conversation of the Empress referred to the unspeakable cruelties committed by the Germans on helpless wounded Russians, and that she herself had helped to nurse back to comparative health a young Russian who was shot through the abdomen and chest by a German officer over whom he was bending after handing him his water-bottle.

"You may tell the people in England," her Majesty said, "that we are all determined here to continue fighting until our foes fighting at our mercy, and that every German attempt to set Russia from her Allies would fail in time as they had failed in the past."

"We are gaintrengthening every day. We are working incessantly to improve our railways."

CANADIWAR PICTURES.

In consequence of the extraordinary popularity of the exhibition of Canadian War Pictures at the Graefon Galleries, which has been visited by people from all parts of the United Kingdom has been decided to defer the date of closure to Saturday, January 13.

FORD FAY IN IRELAND.

It is stated that an agreement between the Cork and the Ford Motor Company has been reached. This will involve the spending of over £500,000 in buildings and giving employment to 10,000 hands.

THE KING'S NEW YEAR GREETING TO FRANCE.

Birth of 1917 Brings New Regulations for Everyone.

WAR LOAF TO-DAY.

The King has sent the following inspiring New Year message to the President of the French Republic:—

"Once more, M. le President, the opening of a new year finds our two countries fighting in close alliance for the independence of Europe and justice to the smaller nations, confident as ever in a victorious issue to the struggle."

"I pray, M. le President, that you may continue to be endowed with health and strength to bear the responsibilities of your high office, and that the noble French nation, whose sons have recently in so striking a manner given fresh proof of their will to victory, may by the triumph of the Allied arms re-enter the path of peaceful progress secured against aggression, and bound to my own people by enduring ties of friendship cemented by comradeship in arms."

"GEORGE R.I."

"DO'S AND DON'TS."

1917—the year that everybody hopes will bring victory to the Allies—is ushered in to-day with an abundance of official "do's and don'ts."

There was little of the old time festivity last night.

People were more concerned on this New Year's Eve discussing the many new regulations affecting their daily life which must be observed from to-day.

The custom of seeing the New Year in at St. Paul's was observed last night, there being a large crowd outside the Cathedral. There was, however, an absence of singing and the usual chorus of musical instruments.

Of the "do's and don'ts" the following are the more important:—

1. Railway changes everywhere—trains and fares—take effect. Find out how they affect you.
2. If you are a season-ticket holder, don't travel without your season. You will be made to fetch it if you do. "Wear it in your hat," suggests the corresponding regulation.
3. You must eat only war bread—the dark loaf—from to-day. The war loaf will be made from "straight run" flour and will contain from 5 to 8 per cent. more of pure wheat than did the ordinary white loaf.
4. Thousands of men must remember their call to the colours to-day—thousands of exemptions expire.
5. "Disperse with luxuries—save and lend to the nation for the war" is the National War Savings Committee's New Year's Day reminder.

NEW RUSH TO THE ARMY.

Many thousands of exempted and combed-out men will join the colours to-day and during the ensuing days of the next two or three weeks.

Whitehall, as well as all the other London recruiting depots, *The Daily Mirror* is informed has completed all arrangements to deal with the rush.

What are the New Year's resolutions that women make? *The Daily Mirror* has collected the following:—

The Housewife.—I have decided to give up wasting time turning old tin into sifters, and so on. A woman's time is the nation's time, and it's too precious to fiddle away.

The Mother.—My girl shall leave school a year earlier to learn domestic economy, to cook, to wash and make her own clothes. That will save her £2.5 a year when she marries.

NEWS ITEMS.

Wool Census.

A census of all wool and wool products in the United Kingdom on December 31, 1916, is being taken by the Army Contracts Department.

Corporal W. Allcock, D.C.M.

Corporal W. Allcock has been awarded the D.C.M., not the Military Medal, as was stated on Friday.

Norway's 272 Lost Ships.

Norway, in 1916, says an Exchange Copenhagen message, lost 272 ships of an aggregate tonnage of 367,000 and about £11,000,000 total value.

Woman Town Crier.

Her husband and son having enlisted, Mrs. Baker, English's first woman town crier, assisted in distributing blankets to the aged at Clirstey on Saturday.

ALLIES' 'N' TO KAISER FRENCH BATTLESHIP SUNK

Our Terms: Reparation, Guarantees and Penalties—Shan Foo Peace Proposal.

BIG BATTLE FOR BRAILA BRIDGEHEAD.

Foe Claims Big Pus—Russians Retake Village and Rumanians Lage Number of Prisoners.

The chief features of yesterday's news were:—
TEN NATIONS REPLY.—In the joint Note the ten Allied Governments reject Germany's empty and insincere offer of a peace conference, and declare that no peace is possible without penalties and reparation for the past and guarantees for the future. Vast crowds assembled outside of American Embassy in Berlin when it was learned that the reply of the Allies had been received.

ROMANIA.—Fierce battles are raging on the Rumanian fronts, all of which the foe claim to be making progress. Bein states that the Russians have been thrown back as far as the Braila bridgehead, whither they are attacking. Braila is out 103 miles from Iasi.

FRANCE.—The French battleship Gaulois has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. Only four lives were lost.

ANGING REPLY OF THE VAST CROWDS IN BERLIN AWAIT ALLIE REPLY.

Germany Held Strictly to Account for Bavarian King on Offering Peace by Force—Bernstorff Hopes.

PENALTIES DEMAND.

The text and translation of the Allies' reply to the German Peace Note communicated by the French Government, on behalf of the Allied Powers, to the United States Ambassador in Paris, December 30, was issued in London late on Saturday night.

The Note states that the Allied Governments of Russia, France, Great Britain, Japan, Italy, Serbia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal and Rumania have decided to return a joint Note to the illusory peace proposals of the Central Powers.

Then follow these principal points:—
The Allied Powers protest strongly against the two material assertions made in the Note from the enemy Powers, the one professing to throw upon the Allies the responsibility of the war, and the other proclaiming the victory of the Central Powers.

The Allies cannot admit a claim which is thus untrue in each particular, and is sufficient alone to render sterile all attempt at negotiations. The Allied nations have for thirty months been engaged in a war which the had done everything to avoid. They have shown by their actions their devotion to peace.

A WAR MANOEUVRE.

A mere suggestion, without payment of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not an offer of peace. The proposal of the Imperial Government of a sham proposal, lacking all substance and precision, would appear to be less an offer of peace than a war manoeuvre.

The war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Belgium was invaded by an empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and which has had the assurance to proclaim that battles were "scraps of paper" and that "necessity knows no law."

These sham offers on the part of Germany rest on a "war map" of Europe alone which represents nothing more than a superficial and passing phase of the belligerents.

A peace concluded upon these terms would be only to the advantage of the aggressors, who after imagining that they would reach their goal in two months, discovered after two years that they could never attain it.

The disasters caused by the German declaration of war and the innumerable outrages committed by Germany and her Allies against both belligerents and neutrals demand penalties, reparation and guarantees.

TO "JUSTIFY" NEW CRIMES.

These overtures attempt to justify in advance in the eyes of the world a new series of crimes—submarine warfare, deportations, forced labour and forced conscription of neutrals. The Allied Governments refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere.

The Allies declare that no peace is possible unless they obtain—

Reparation of violated rights and liberties. Recognition of the principle of nationalities. Free existence of small States. Effective guarantees for the future security of the world.

In conclusion the Allied Powers point out that at this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace and humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgian citizens to thousands and reducing them to slavery.

GENEVA, Sunday.—The reply that the answer by the Entente Powers had caused great excitement last night in B.

Vast crowds thronged the approaches to the American Embassy.

To-day's German newspaper admit that the prospects of peace are receding.

COPENHAGEN, Sunday.—In a year order of the day to his troops the King of Bavaria says: "If the enemy should refuse proposals we will ourselves obtain peace force."—Exchange.

The first expressions of opinion on the Allied Note include the following:—

French.—"The Allies desire European peace and formulate the general clauses essential to it, making use of three which constitute a programme: Penal reparation, guarantees."—Ecolesior.

"The return of Alsace Lorraine principle of the indemnity and the chastity of crimes are very explicitly implied."—E.

"Now that the enemy know conditions, when he has had enough of the war for peace. I prophesy that 1917 will not without his crying 'Kamerad.'"—M. Hervé Fictoire.

Italian.—The Note is a happy event which cuts the tendons of the ins German manoeuvre and purifies the sphere of the asphyxiating gases by which Italy and her satellites have attempted to enter a diplomatic offensive."—Il Giornale.

German.—The German Embassy in Washington, says the Exchange, has sent the official opinion that peace proposals are hopeful after reading the Allies' reply.

A loophole is observed for continuation of the negotiations, and the Allies believe the way is open for German peace with the specific peace terms through the Wilson, requesting that the terms be kept.

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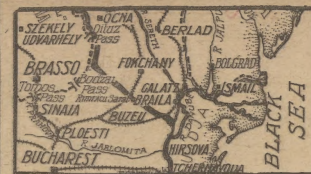
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A big battle is raging for the Braila bridgehead.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING ON RUMANIAN FRONT.

Swaying Battle Fortunes—Rumanians Take a Large Number of Prisoners.

(RUSSIAN OFFICIAL.)

On the Moldavian frontier the enemy launched stubborn attacks in the valley of the Sulta River and south of this valley. All these attacks were repelled by our fire and counter-attacks.

In the region north of the Dotiana River and south of the Olina Valley fierce battles continue. The enemy, having received reinforcements, succeeded, after repeated attacks, in taking possession of several heights in front of our positions south of the Olina River, thus compelling us to retire to a new position.

Rumanian Front.—The enemy continues to conduct stubborn attacks on the upper stream of the Kasina River, on the Moldavian frontier. The enemy having assumed the offensive in the region north-west of Sevel, on the upper stream of the Sushitza, was defeated, and the Rumanian troops captured a large number of prisoners and a machine-gun company.

The enemy in the morning began an attack on the Rumanian front near the village Kosa, on the upper stream of the river Putna. The heights in the vicinity have changed hands several times, but finally remained in the possession of the enemy.

Enemy attacks near the village of Bordeschi (twelve miles south-west of Focșani) and to the north continue. Our detachments and those of the Rumanians dislodged the enemy from the village of Bordeschi, which was occupied by the enemy yesterday.

Enemy attacks in the region of the Buzen-Braila railway line and near the village of Bordin-Verbe (south of Yanka station on the same railway) were repelled. The enemy suffered severe losses.

The enemy succeeded in repulsing the Rumanians in the region to the north-west of the Buzen-Focșani railway.

In the Dobruja the enemy, reinforced by heavy and light artillery, three times attacked our positions four versus north-east of the village of Grochi (twelve miles south-east of Braila). The third attack enabled the enemy to occupy a height in the centre of our positions. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

FOES' CEASELESS BLOWS AT BRAILA BRIDGEHEAD.

Berlin Claims Successes, but Admits the Strong Resistance of the Allies.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

Night Communiqué.—The Russians have been thrown back as far as the Braila Bridgehead, against which we are now directing continued attacks.

In the Dobruja Russian points of support east of Macin have been gained. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

The afternoon communiqué claimed the capture of Solovai Heights, north of the Uz Valley, and of Russo-Rumanian positions in the Putna Valley.

Army Group of von Mackensen.—North and east of Rinnick-Sarat the troops of Lieutenant-General von Mackensen and Lieutenant-General von Kuehne encountered strong resistance, especially on the edge of the mountains. By a strenuous attack they succeeded in entering the enemy's positions. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

AUSTRIAN OFFICIAL.

The Austrian communiqué adds that the enemy is retreating step by step on the Braila-Putna line, and that the enemy offers a "desperate resistance" west of the Buzen River and north of Rinnick. On the frontier the mountains of Okna and Solina have been taken. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

AMERICAN OPINION THAT WAR IS INEVITABLE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—The prevalent American opinion is that war with Germany will become inevitable if the latter refuses to settle the question of submarine warfare.

The representations of the American Ambassador to Herr Zimmerman in Berlin yesterday are considered to be of capital importance. (Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

SPLENDID DISCIPLINE ON SINKING WARSHIP.

Only Four Sailors Lost Out of Crew of 631.

HUNS AND BELGIUM.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

PARIS, Sunday.—The following communiqué is issued by the Minister of Marine:—

The battleship Gaulois was torpedoed by a submarine in the Mediterranean last Tuesday and sank in half an hour.

Thanks to the discipline which prevailed on board until the last minute, and the rapid arrival of patrol vessels, the victims numbered only four sailors, of whom two were killed by the explosion.—Central News.

The Gaulois was an old battleship—laid down at Brest in 1898 and completed in 1899.

She had a displacement of 11,260 tons, and at her trials developed a speed of 18.2 knots.

She carried a main armament of four 12-in. guns in turrets fore and aft, and a secondary armament of ten 5.5-in., eight 4-in. and twenty lighter guns.

She carried a complement of 631 officers and men.

'ALL BELGIUM FOR EVER.'

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.—Commenting on an article by Herr Baeremann in the Tageszeitung urging the vital necessity to Germany of supremacy over Belgium, Count Reventlow says:—

Belgium in the hands of the Entente would always remain a military danger to Germany's frontiers.

This danger can only be averted by the permanent supremacy of Germany over the whole of Belgium.

It is impossible and mere theory to speak of "the Flanders coast" or "the Meuse line."

Whoever wants to rule over the Flanders coast or the Meuse line must have the whole of Belgium for ever in their hands.—Reuter.

Reviewing the events of the past year the Rheinisch Westfälische Zeitung says:—The contrast between German and English is one that cannot be bridged over.

The difference can, perhaps, be patched up, but it will break open again at the first opportunity and the fight will begin anew.—Reuter.

MORE U BOAT VICTIMS.

Lloyd's reports the sinking of the following vessels:—

British steamer Aislaby (2,692 tons), captain prisoner on submarine.

British steamer Zoroaster.

Norwegian steamer Hero and the sailing vessel Koimmo.

Norwegian steamer Thyra (740 tons).

The British schooner Harry W. Adams has been torpedoed. Seven of crew landed.

Danish vessel Danmark has been torpedoed off Vliero. The crew saved.

A Reuter message from Maasilus states that the Dutch steamer Brunswyk has struck a mine in the North Sea and is being assisted to port.

The Dutch steamer Oldambt (470 tons) was stopped on December 29, states Reuter, and taken to Zebrugg.

78,500 PRISONERS IN VERDUN-SOMME BLOWS.

(FRENCH OFFICIAL.)

Night Communiqué.—There was no important event during the day.

In the course of the year 1916 the French troops, in breaking the assault of the enemy against the fortress of Verdun and in compelling him to fall back on both banks of the Somme, have made 78,500 German prisoners.

Afternoon Communiqué.—South of the Somme a coup de main carried out by us against a small German post south of Chilly enabled us to capture some prisoners.—Central News.

(GERMAN OFFICIAL.)

(Admiralty per Wireless Press.)

Western Front.—Army Group of Crown Prince Rupprecht.—South of La Bassee Canal, on both sides of the Somme and north-west of Rheims the artillery duel was violent at times.

On the southern bank of the Chiere our long-range fire set fire to several munition depots.

ZEEBRUGGE SHELLED?

AMSTERDAM, Sunday.—The report is current that Zebrugg was bombarded yesterday afternoon from the sea. Confirmation is, however, lacking.—Central News.

FLUSHING, Sunday.—Early this morning during a storm the Dutch torpedo-boat G 1 grounded near here. It is hoped that she will be got off.—Reuter.

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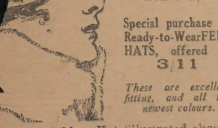
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SITUATIONS VACANT.

PEROR AND PRINCESS VISIT WOUNDED.

PARIS FASHIONS:



Miss Stella Storey and the Emperor (Mr. Nigel Playfair) visited the men who were unable to attend.



Mr. Alix Green, the author of the pantomime.



Aladdin and Princess Buddeer.

Assisted by the wounded, a number of well-known actors and actresses performed "Aladdin" at the Endell-street Military Hospital. Mr. Alix Green was the Empress of China, while the name part was taken by Miss Judith Wogan.

IN GAZETTE.

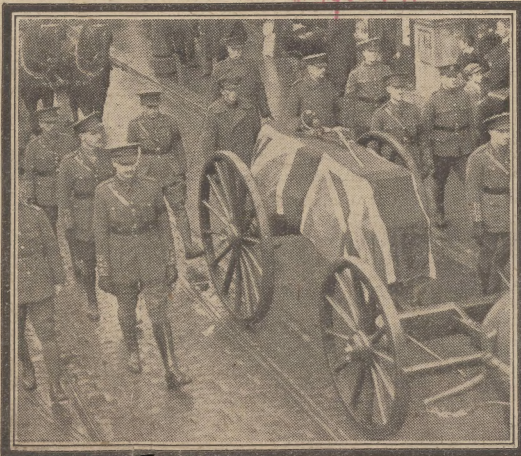


Brig.-Gen. H. D. Wylie-Thomson, C.B., D.S.O., to be a C.M.G. He holds a Serbian decoration.



Capt. A. C. Vicary, M.C. (Gloucester Regiment), who has been promoted to be a Major.

MAJOR MOURNED BY SERGEANT SON.



Sergeant Jack Hitching, son of the late Major G. H. Hitching, R.E., who is home on Christmas leave, walking behind the coffin at his father's funeral at Southsea. (Stephen Cribb.)

TWO D.S.C.s.



Lieut. A. E. Brock, D.S.C.



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A short sack coat fitting to the shoulders, back and front. It is in blue.

White

A comfort

WHERE IT IS HEAVY GO



Artillery crossing the desert. Note the wheels.

STAIRCASE PROCESSION—NOV



procession winding up and down a staircase.

Daily Mirror

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1917.

HOW TO HELP THE HUN.

AFTER the Allied reply to Germany there is no more to be said, for the present, about peace, except that we earnestly hope well-meaning people in our country, and in all the Allied countries, will dismiss the subject from their conversation. To go on talking about it is to help the Germans. For what, in all probability, did the Plunder Powers' "offer" mean? What was its scarcely veiled object?

To raise up, first amongst neutrals, and then amongst the "above the conflict" dreamers of all the Allied countries, an opinion in favour of immediate settlement. What, again, does that involve?

Nothing else, nothing better, than settlement on the basis of the war map of Europe at this moment—a territorial basis that we on our side know to be seriously against us, but believe also to be an appearance only. Our military leaders believe that this appearance can be changed for a reality in our favour. Meanwhile, behind the appearance of territorial success (in Europe only) you have to put Germany's growing economic failure, sufficiently revealed by reliable report, as well as by the very fact that Germany now desires peace. That being the situation, what hopes has Germany of raising up an immediate peace opinion amongst any but pro-Germans?

She has hope of winning the following classes in almost every country:

1. The "above the conflict" humanitarians referred to; for the most part dumb before 1914, but now vocal, clamouring to save humanity by the odd plan of submitting Europe to the Plunder Powers for ever.
2. Mere ignorants and imbeciles—very common everywhere—who say: "Let's have peace now and not bother about the future."
3. The sick and weary whose will to conquer is gone—a growing class.
4. Those who think we began the war.

Some of these people are kind and a few intelligent. Let them, then, weigh the whole matter, very carefully before plunging into a "movement" for Peace for the Plunder Powers. For every voice raised to obscure the origin of the quarrel and therefore the need for its continuance to a solution weakens us in our long struggle, hampers our men, and diminishes our energy. There is no peace offer, but only a plot from Germany. All further talk then hinders final peace.

As to those for whom our case in going into the war is not good enough, let them refresh their memories by reading the Allied Note with its reminders of the entirely unabashed blackguardly onslaught of the Hun hordes on innocent Belgium, with the grin of Prussia behind, and the "necessity knows no law" cry uttered as the gorilla danced on his bleeding victim.

If that case, thus recorded and thus remembered, be not good enough for them, no case would be; and the best they can do is to declare themselves Tolstoians, fakirs, and Tibetan monks, and lie flat down on their faces for the next motor-bus to run over them.

And as they die let them proclaim their doctrine: "It is wrong to resist motor-buses. Gorillas ought to win. Whoever hits first and hardest is right. Brutality over all!"

W. M.

A NEW YEAR SONG.

Le Roi est mort! For what has been
Of good and sweet in this dead year,
Let us give thanks. And make our moan
For sacrifice of blood and tears.
For courage high, lives nobly shed,
And whisper softly over our dead.

Roll a fair, new year
In the vacant place,
We've still to right the wrong,
In mistakes, turn shame to grace.
In our hearts we'll keep
The memory of those who sleep.
—KITTY LOTTING.

THE IDEA OF A COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

WHY WE MUST WELCOME THE IMPERIAL PREMIERS.

By AUSTIN HARRISON.

(Editor of "The English Review.")

THE summoning of the Colonial Prime Ministers to take part in a "series of special and continuous meetings of the War Cabinet" is an admirable move, which ought to have been made at least a year ago, and specially praiseworthy is the businesslike directness of the appeal fixing the date of assembly not later than the end of February.

Here we see at once a new hand at work. It is a most cheery and hopeful sign. To be discussed are, obviously, the war; possible conditions of peace; Ireland; and future problems. It will be the most important

Colonies, not the least wonderful being the loyalty of South Africa under the general who fought against us only the other day.

Nor can it be said that we have done much to bring this good work about.

Blood is thicker than water, that is all, and that blood is the heritage of a common civilisation. It is an indefinable possession, felt rather than seen.

WHAT THEY NEVER EXPECTED.

Before the war no one would have thought our Colonies would so gloriously have responded to the call—the Germans thought quite the contrary would happen. To-day we are witnessing the most determined singleness in British ideas that has ever been known; in a word, the Empire has been riveted together in the stress of a common fellowship.

So the Empire is coming to London at last to take its due part in the Councils of War. Probably few people realise what such an event must mean in our home politics, for we

NEW YEAR PROBLEMS.

DON'T SEND CIGARETTE CARDS TO PRISONERS IN GERMANY.

A WARNING.

I WRITE on behalf of the English in our camp.

Would you be kind enough to put ask other papers to copy this message English people?

When sending cigarettes, etc., in the prisoners of war, will they please be so kind to see that no cigarette cards are enclosed ever?

At this end ordinary harmless cards, abstracted from the packets when they are sorted and the packet delivered to the prisoners. But, should the picture be of what the Germans describe as of "an offensive nature in Germany," or dealing with war matters in a humorous way, the entire parcel is confiscated.

If parcels' committees, etc., will remove any cigarette cards, etc., from cigarette packets, trouble, which is serious, will arise.

Cpl. W. E. McKinnon,
2nd Bn. Scots Guards,
Heuberg, Baden.

"HALF OUR INCOME."

MR. ROBERT VAUGHAN says that "income" looks like being half income as the war goes on.

Yes, and prices will be for years.

Let us be thankful, however, if we can have the absolute necessities of life, and remember that the large families of the poor will not have enough of these.

WEST LONDON.

BE REASONABLE.

IN an endeavour to protect ourselves against Zeppelin raids we have darkened the streets with such an extent that total casualties directly caused by the darkness greatly exceed those due to the air raids.

If diminished lighting is any protection let us have it, by all means, but there is nothing to be gained by going to extremes and plunging ourselves each night in Cimmerian blackness.

MODERATE.

THE DARKEST PLACE IN TOWN.

TOTTENHAM must be the blackest place in London, the local authorities being not only extinguishing all the street lamps, but they have also put out the burners and glass tops, so that they may not be available even in a dense fog.

A. GREENE BARKER.

IN MY GARDEN.

DEC. 31.—A rockery is interesting at all seasons of the year. Even to-day the mossy saxifrages, with their spreading green carpets, look bright and attractive peeping from the snow. The subjects, perhaps the best for an amateur to grow, should be seen in every garden. Besides the mossy sorts—and these bear white, crimson, yellow, and rose-coloured flowers—there are the encrusted silver sorts, which look pretty throughout the year.

E. F. T.

TRIALS OF THE RESTAURANT CLIENT IN 1917.



He begins to feel he can have nothing he wants, or, at least, nothing when he wants it.—(By W. K. Heselton.)

Colonial meeting in our history, from which nothing but good can accrue.

We may leave the problems and look at the new thing which has arisen out of the new conditions of war, and that thing is Empire.

Hitherto, the Empire has been a loose, as it were, floating conception connected with the Mother Country solely by the ties of blood, and there has been no such thing as Federation. It worked with that strange fatality that seems to make things work in our civilisation, yet no man troubled much about Empire and not a few men were disposed to ridicule it.

None the less, the Empire has been our great discovery in the war. It has been said that Colonies are like fruit which, when they ripen, fall off. We have seen the contrary. Instead of disintegration we have found consolidation. In lieu of a want of sympathy we have received an almost magical inspiration from the

think slowly in this little island; nevertheless it is the beginning of a new era.

Take one subject, Ireland. There the trouble is the hereditary sore existing between England and the Irish, yet place that problem on the table in an Imperial Council and the very absurdity of the quarrel will be transparent and without a doubt the Irish question will be settled.

Think what that means alone. Ireland out of the political squabble at Westminster! No longer a Home Rule antagonism dividing us here into two irreconcilable parties. At once a standing feud will disappear. Men will be free to think more clearly, more widely; the cleft in Parliament will go and, with it, the cleft in the Empire. The way stands clear for the much-needed National Party.

We have in our Empire the essential spirit of civilisation—a mission not of aggression

but of self-expression, and what the war has shown is the need of a true integration. As time goes on, the Empire will grow and even outgrow the parent root; it is conceivable even that the centre of gravity may cross the sea to the right of the Colonies to have their proportionate say in the whole has been proved on the field of battle; it can never again be a disjointed affair. Britain is no longer Britain. We belong to a common Empire. Our very life is one.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Of a truth Love and Strife were aforetime and shall be; nor ever, methinks, will bounding time be emptied of the passion. For on the one hand, brought together into order, they again they are once again.

READY FOR THE SPRING

CHINAMEN DOING WAR WORK IN FRANCE



new hat for the
of 1917.
Gals. et.



velvet hat for
ter. Dress in putty-coloured cloth. The pockets are
close to the waistline.—(Wyndham.)

SCENE IN WESTERN EGYPT.



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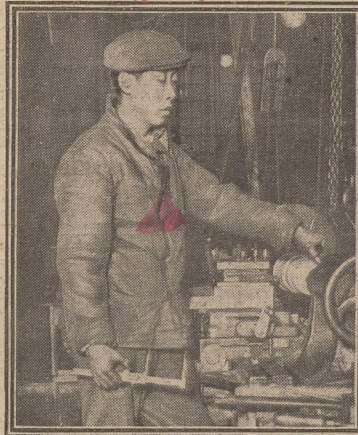
ACLE IN "PUSS IN NEW BOOTS."



Hall of Fancy, one of the new spectacles in the Drury Lane panto-
photograph.



They are hard workers, have no grievances, and are perfectly contented and happy. G 841 W



In the machine room.



Four men who do navy's work.

Chinese labour has proved very successful in France, and these men are building a new powder factory in the Rhone
Department. France is getting on with the war and not thinking of peace.—(French official photographs.)

TWO D.S.O.s.



Brian, Gen. F. S. Mon-
lague, Esq.



Squadron-Commander
G. W. P. Davies,
R.F.C., * (Bafayette.)

GETTING THINGS READY FOR FRITZ.



Residents of New Southgate begin to dig up one of the war food plots
allotted for the purpose by the district council. German prisoners will
soon be employed here.

IN THE NEW



Mr. William Robert
Walker, of South-
gate, missing. He
left his home for a
walk on Boxing Day.



Leffers, a
man and
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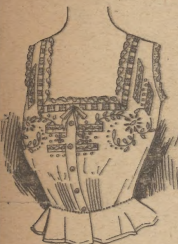
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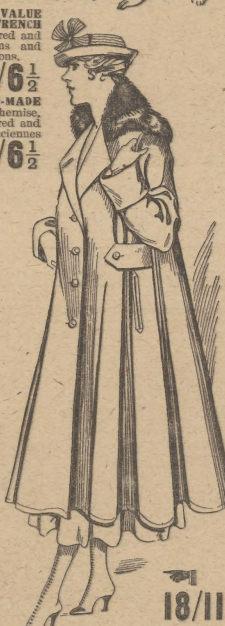


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Ready Hemmed, White Dice Damask Table Cloths, 42ins. by 39ins. Usual price 1/11. SALE PRICE **1/0 1/2**

Art Printed Bedspreads, for double Beds. White ground with artistic design, Pink and Green. Usual price 6/11. SALE PRICE **3/11 1/2**

Rose Pink Flannelette, 20ins. wide, slightly soiled on selvage. Usual price (per yard) 4/3d. SALE PRICE (per yard) **3 3/4d.**

Pure Fine White Longcloth, 36ins. wide, free from all filling. Usual price (per yard) 6d. SALE PRICE (per yard) **4d.**

Extra Fine White Longcloth, 36ins. wide, free from all dress or filling. Usual price (per yd.) 7/6d. SALE PRICE (per yd.) **5d.**

All Wool Camp Rugs, 2 1/2 yards long and 36ins. wide, heavy Cloth Rug in Dark colours. Usual price 10/6. SALE PRICE **5/-**

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LYN WARRINDER, who loves Patricia.

PETER MELHUISS, a wealthy crank, who marries Patricia Wyngate.

MRS. JACK BAYLISS, Melhuiss's cousin, who loves Warrinder and is jealous of Pat.

AUDREY WYNGATE is the lovely sister of Patricia.

DR. HEDDON, who attempts to blackmail Warrinder.

DORIS HEDDON, his daughter, said to be Warrinder's wife.

PATRICIA WYNGATE, who is working hard to support herself and her younger sister, Audrey, marries her cousin, Peter Melhuiss. Immediately after the wedding Melhuiss dies. Pat is obliged, by the terms of Melhuiss's will, to spend some time with his cousin, Victoria Bayliss. At Wych Manor she once more meets Lyn Warrinder, who is in love with her; and they become engaged.

Victoria Bayliss, who is fond of Warrinder, tries to part them. Having failed, she pretends to be their friend.

An attempt to blackmail Warrinder is made by Dr. Heddon. He says that Warrinder is his son-in-law. Heddon dies, but Warrinder finds out that his daughter Doris is in Paris. He hurries over to settle the matter, and before he goes he asks Victoria Bayliss to explain the situation to Pat. She does so in her own way.

Pat is very much worried, and writes breaking off the engagement. Doris Heddon, who is already married and famous, he then receives Pat's letter and is made very miserable.

Audrey Wyngate, who has run away from school, goes to Elise Verreker's studio. In the street she sees Warrinder and calls to him, but he does not hear her.

Elise Verreker, who is a successful artist, is giving a little Bohemian party, and Audrey hears that a man named Tony Barrington is coming.

A BABE IN BOHEMIA.

"I CALL it rippin'; absolutely top-hole," Audrey Wyngate cried, surveying the preparations for the party from the door. "Oh, Elise, what a lamb you are to let me stay! I'm sure it's going to be a perfectly heavenly party."

At the last moment she had rushed out and bought a great armful of flowers and greenery with which she had decorated the bare room. It was with difficulty that Elise Verreker had prevented her utilising some lengths of gaily-hued material used for the draping of models, as an accessory to her scheme.

"Dear child, not so," Elise cried, deeply shocked. "What would they think? It is only amateurs who hang draperies about their studios."

Slightly depressed, but greatly impressed, Audrey had restored the material to its resting place in a big crumpled, boxy chest, which was the pride of the owner of the studio.

"I only hope they won't eat too much," the hostess sighed, glancing at the table which was pushed up against the wall. "I don't think it's a mind them eating," she added, hastily, seeing the look of surprise on Audrey's face. "Only, I want what there is to go round. Some—"

She broke off her reminiscences abruptly. It did not seem fair, somehow, to give away the secrets of the quarter to this little Philistine who had drifted into the studio like a stray leaf.

But there had been tragedies. The occasion, for example, when Gustave Blanc, after an enforced fast of a day and a half, due to lack of funds, had been unable to resist the succulent appearance of a big embryo, had cleared the table while her back was turned.

"And now I must put on my glad rags," Audrey said.

Audrey discarded the thought of the dainty little evening frock that she had tucked so carefully in the suitcase, which was all the luggage she had been able to get away with her from school, but her vanity prompted her to steal some violets from the big bowl she had arranged on the table and to tuck them into the bosom of her blouse.

She looked cool and charming and most adorably English and un-Bohemian. Tony Barrington, who was the first arrival, sought information regarding her of his hostess the moment Audrey's back was turned.

"Who is your friend, Elise?" he asked. "Most awfully charming! quite out of the usual run, what? Nothing of the wild and rovin' eye of genius about her. What's her name?"

Miss Verreker hesitated. She had not thought of this contingency, nor had Audrey, and, remembering her promise to the girl to respect her secret, she laughed evasively.

"Oh, for the present she prefers to remain as the fair unknown!" she said.

She doated across the studio to speak to some new arrivals, and Barrington stood looking after her. How graceful she was, and how distinguished looking, the rich shades of blue and gold in the embroidered Eastern coat that she wore so carelessly suited her admirably—

all that was best in her dark

very fond of Elise; in a vague way related—some distant degree of—

and he admired her talent enough to admit to himself that the way of living, her slipshod

her friends, the untidy women and men, with their interminable

ter. But this fair English girl

like a dove among a flock of

all that and all other rights secured.)

chattering rooks," he said to himself, watching her.

Audrey, as he was quick to perceive, was in the crowd, but not of it. Miss Verreker's friends, after a critical scrutiny, left the girl out in the cold. There had been some exhibition that day, at which various priceless works of art had been exhibited, and the babel of artistic jargon waxed fast and furious.

Barrington moved across to where Audrey sat, conscious of feeling very much out in the cold.

"You, I perceive, like myself, are a babe in Bohemia," he said, with the smile that Pat had found so attractive on that evening of her first introduction to him in the hall at Wych Manor. "Elise and her friends are abusing the critics. Artists are run animals, aren't they?"

"I am an artist," Audrey said with dignity.

"Are you, by Jove!" Barrington ejaculated, a little taken aback. "What a fellow! I am for putting my foot into it! I invariably do it the moment I open my mouth to speak to a stranger."

Audrey laughed at the time-worn joke. She liked the man very much, rather for his face and the delightful eyes that were full of laughter.

"You should think before you speak; count ten times an awfully good dodge; then you wouldn't be pained by having to indulge in acrobatic feats," she told him seriously.

Barrington made a grimace.

"Oh, come, that's pretty awful; my joke was bad, you know, but it had at least the privilege of tradition! And you don't in the least look like an artist. You look like a quite delightful little girl who has just been let out of school."

Something at his surprise the girl reddened furiously. She rose to her feet and prepared to move away.

"I can't imagine what you mean," she said coldly. "You are quite the rudest man I have ever met."

"Oh, I say! I am most awfully sorry—honour bright, I am. Ah, now, don't be after going around and leaving me marooned here. I've companions in misfortune—just look at these snubbers over there who don't care for them. For us to quarrel now is just as foolish as though we'd been thrown away together on a desert island!"

Bussus entreated Audrey sat down. But for the moment his careless words had alarmed her seriously. She had even suspected some piece of rank treachery on the part of Elise.

"I say and talk to you, you must really try and behave properly," she said.

"I will. Let's begin all over again. But you must tell me your name, please. Elise called you the 'fair unknown.' But I don't feel that it is decent for an unprincipled, innocent like myself to be sitting here talking to a lady to whom I have not been introduced."

Audrey looked at him searchingly, but his face, set in lines of mock entreaty, told her nothing. Her tears fled before the magic of his smile. After all, Elise was a lamb. It was not her fault that her friends monopolised her.

"My name—she said slowly. "Oh, certainly, my name is Valentine—Valentine Bussy."

"But that's a man's name!" said Barrington. Again he saw the girl redden.

"Nevertheless that is my name," she retorted firmly. "You do not appear to be a very credulous person, Mr. Barrington."

"Oh, lord—have I said the wrong thing again? Never mind, Miss Bussy. Forgive me—and Valentine is a rippin' name, so romantic, and all that. Won't you forgive me—and show me some of your work. I'm sure to say the wrong thing about that. But I know nothing about art."

"I should be delighted to show you my picture," Audrey said eagerly. That was the request she had been waiting for. The fact that she had showed so little interest in her artistic aspirations had aroused a certain amount of irritation.

"It's just a drawing I dashed off this morning," she said largely, as they crossed the studio. "My other things are all around—anywhere—" she added vaguely. "You see, I have not quite settled down yet."

She fished out the head she had done that morning from the corner where Elise Verreker had stowed it away, and set it proudly on an easel. It seemed to her as she looked at it that Pat's sad eyes looked a reproach back at her from the easel—an impressionist sketch.

"Why, by Jove, it's Mrs. Melhuiss," Barrington broke out eagerly. "Do you know her?" Audrey felt a little shiver run over her nerves. All her uneasy fears and suspicions woke to quick life.

"Mrs. Melhuiss! What an odd name!" she said. "You are mistaken, however—this is not a portrait. It is simply what we call a fancy head."

She turned away from the easel quickly. She could not trust herself to look Pat in the face—even that pictured face—after that callous lie she had uttered.

TONY BARRINGTON ASKS QUESTIONS.

"BUT who is she?" Barrington said insistently. "You know, Elise, that Bussy is not her real name—nor Valentine either. I'm convinced of that."

"What a curious person you are," Elise Verreker exclaimed impatiently.

Tony and she were sitting in the firelight of the studio together a couple of days later. Audrey was away for the afternoon with one of her new friends. For the cold-shouldering of the pretty Philistine had not lasted long—so far as the male visitors to the studio were concerned, at any rate.

Elise was thankful for this opportunity for a

lazy afternoon and a quiet talk with this man, of whom she was fond in a quiet cousinly way. He formed the one link with the home life she had set behind her when she had decided to settle in Paris as a permanent abode.

"I am," he returned impatiently. "Curiosity is by no means a purely feminine vice; and I admit it frankly, mine is immensely intrigued by this charming little friend of yours. She reminds me of someone I know. A someone—who might have been, who knows. The Someone, only another someone had been there before me!"

"Bless me, you quite take my breath away. You don't mean to insinuate that you're in love, Tony, don't you?"

"No, not as you might say in love," Barrington said in a judicial tone. "But on the brink, Elise—on the brink. Just one kind glance and I'd have been over the edge like a bird."

There was a little silence in the big room round which the firelight played fitfully. Barrington sat on a stool, his arms clasped round his knees, his eyes fixed on the flames as they flicked about the wood.

"You'd make rather a nice lover, Tony," the girl said presently, as though she spoke her thoughts aloud.

"Faith, and I would. Did you ever know an Irishman who wouldn't? It's as husbands they fall, acushla, and after all—it's the husbands who matter."

"Some husbands are lovers too," said Elise a little sentimentally.

"A man's a lover till he takes a wife, but a lover's a lover all his life," as the poet hath it—or would have had it, had he been blessed with my brains," said Barrington, turning to her with a grin. "But about this little lass—do tell me who she is. Honest, she's awfully like a Mrs. Melhuiss of my acquaintance—and the odd thing is she showed me a drawing of hers, and it was Mrs. Melhuiss to the life. Yet, somehow, I can't imagine Mrs. M. allowing her sister to run wild in a studio like this."

"Thanks, Tony dear."

"Elise, old thing," he turned to her with swift compunction. "You're all right—as right as rain—and the kiddie would be safer than houses here alone with you. But you've gathered an awful crowd about you. I frankly loathe the men, and the women are pretty awful. Take that chap Aubert who has taken her out this afternoon—if pretty Valentine had been your daughter, would you have cared to let her go trapesin' round Paris with a creature like that?"

"Tony—I've no authority over her—not the slightest. She's on her own, and most rightfully self-willed. I didn't want her here a little bit—truly, I didn't. She just blew in, and stopped."



Patricia Wyngate and Lyn Warrinder.

"Oh, so that's how it is. Sorry, old girl. But you should draw the line somewhere. You're a free lodging-house for too many homeless vagrants!"

He dropped the matter there, and said no more, but he did not dismiss the subject from his thoughts. He was considerably taken by this fresh naïve girl, with her odd assumption of worldly wisdom, and he was more than struck by her elusive resemblance to Patricia Melhuiss.

There had been a leaven of truth in the nonsense he had talked to his cousin. Pat had attracted him more than any other woman he had ever met. Her fresh gaiety, her adorable innocence, the subtle charm of her, had touched his heart more than he altogether cared to admit.

But Patricia Melhuiss was going to marry his greatest friend. And she was not for the likes of him, even to think of.

But, as he rose to go, he returned again to the subject of Audrey.

"Good-bye, Elise. I may not see you again this journey. Give my love to Miss Valentine. And—don't let her be spoiled, Elise."

He left the studio and made his way back to his hotel. As he went he formulated a plan in his mind. He would write to Mrs. Melhuiss and ask her for news of her sister—perhaps she might care for him to call on her now that he was in Paris.

"And, if there is anything wrong, that will pass her on her guard," he said to himself.

As he turned into the courtyard of the hotel a man passed him. Barrington stared after him incredulously. Surely that was Lyn Warrinder!

He raised his voice—

"Hi! That you, Warrinder?"

At the sound of his voice Warrinder turned sharply.

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A Quiet New Year's Eve.

EARLY to bed was the motto of the vast majority of Londoners yesterday. It was probably the quietest New Year's Eve that London has known for the last fifty years. There were practically no celebrations, and the new year—unheralded by any church clock—made its noiseless and unrecognised entrance into a sleeping City.

At the Churches.

Even the churches were less full than they generally are on such an occasion. It being Sunday evening most churchgoers had attended a service earlier in the day, where they had, no doubt, listened to some appropriate New Year's message. And they were too tired to repeat the experience.

Two Popular Services.

In many districts of London, however, the churches were well filled at midnight. I remember a London clergyman once telling me that people who never went to church on any other occasion would go to the midnight service on New Year's Eve and to a harvest festival. Curiously enough, neither of these services is officially recognised by the Church of England.

Peace—and the Prayer-Book.

People who were at church yesterday morning may have noticed a certain topical element in the service. The first verse of the first psalm for the day was: "Blessed be the Lord my strength: Who teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight." This synchronises admirably with the reply of the Allies to Germany's Peace Note.

The Boys in Navy Blue.

The new year begins with an accession of strength to his Majesty's Navy. I notice that seventy-two cadets have been passed out from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, as midshipmen. We might do worse than remember on New Year's Day "the Nelsons yet to be."

Oh Those Resolutions!

I have just seen some very ornate "Good Resolution Cards," which, I am told, can be written upon and hung up in one's bedroom as a constant reminder of things to be done or left undone. The length of time the card remains hanging depends, I suppose, on the owner's perseverance.

Ladies' Day.

The big push commences to-day. The sales have begun and women with an eye to war economy and reduced prices will invade the shops. The campaign will be full of daily counter-attacks.

Plots Everywhere.

All the plots they are talking about are not to be condemned, the Peace Plots may be bad, but the Food Plots are highly to be commended.

A Popular Peer.

Lord Cavan will be the recipient of numerous congratulations on his appointment to the rank of temporary Lieutenant-General. There is no more popular officer in the Guards or the Army.



Lord Cavan.

antimime rehearsals, he was seized with the ambition to become a journalist, and since then he has sent me copy of general paper articles. It is called the *Plymouth Pictorial*, a highly creditable production.

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

The Reply.

Everyone, of course, was talking yesterday about the Allies' reply to the German peace Note, and everyone seemed cheered and encouraged by its emphatic strength. Coming right on the top of Sir Douglas Haig's fine dispatch, its unequivocal language was especially significant. One man I met summed it up thus: "It's like the talk of a man who holds all the trumps in the pack."

A Gallant Family.

Glancing down the long list of heroes whose gallantry has been recognised by the King I noticed last night the name of Lieutenant Claude Preston Hermon-Hodge, R.N., who is among the men commended for bravery and devotion to duty in mine-sweeping operations. The young lieutenant is a son of Sir Robert Hermon-Hodge, six of whose sons are, I hear, on active service. One unfortunately was killed.

A Picturesque Figure.

Sir Robert himself formerly commanded the Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, but political activities have taken up most of his life. I well remember him at Westminster. He was a distinguished-looking man, with a moustache of wonderful size.

Wounded Six Times.

Another interesting name in the list is that of Captain (Temporary Lieutenant-Colonel) A. Carton de Wiart, V.C., D.S.O., who is now brevet major. He has been wounded no fewer than six times in the present war.

Rallied Three Battalions.

Shortly before the outbreak of war he lost the sight of an eye while serving with the Camel Corps in Somaliland. He lost an arm in the fighting at Ypres, and was again wounded when he won the V.C. He was



Miss Margaret Halstan, who is to appear in "Where is He?" a new Welsh play, at the Court.

awarded the V.C. for rallying three battalions which had lost their commanding officers.

The Air Ministry.

I have reason to think that this week will bring the definite appointment of the Air Minister. The three names most mentioned have been those of Mr. Joynton-Hicks, Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Sydenham; but the Prime Minister has already provided a fair number of surprises, and he may have another up his sleeve.

Tax Troubles.

Some people have no shame. Yesterday morning I received a subscription form from a friend who announced that he was collecting for his income tax.

A Business M.P.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. J. Boyton, the popular M.P. for East Marylebone, is confined to his house as the result of injuries sustained in an omnibus smash on Boxing Day. Mr. Boyton is one of our business M.P.s. He is a partner of a well-known firm of auctioneers and a director of one of the largest West End drapers' establishments and has been president of the Auctioneers' Institute.

Under Orders.

The most important ingredient in the recipe for the successful party for soldiers is children. And the more the merrier. Lady Vere de Vere may look, and be, charming—no one would dispute that—but children have a way with them. I heard a very small girl say to a V.C.: "If you like you may blow out this balloon for me." The hero smilingly obeyed.

Mr. J. Boyton, M.P.

Not His Ambition.

A Judgeship for Mr. "Tim" Healy was forecasted by the political correspondent who indicated what the personnel of the new Irish Administration would be. The fact is known that Mr. Healy has no ambition for the Bench. He values freedom of speech above all, and for that reason would decline the post suggested.

Sir Horace Not Consulted.

It was stated that Sir Horace Plunkett was to be Minister of Agriculture in the new Administration. But Sir Horace (who is in America for the benefit of his health) cannot have been consulted, and if he were he undoubtedly would have refused an office of the kind, for he is bitterly opposed to attempts to settle the Irish problem in the midst of a great war.

Mr. Duke Busy.

Mr. John Dillon, who was also named as one of the Irish Ministers, knows nothing of the "settlement" scheme and ridicules the forecast of personnel. There can be no doubt, however, that some of the greatest men of both parties are assisting the Chief Secretary in his efforts to effect a compromise. Mr. Duke has travelled through a great part of Ireland during the last month. Lord Wimborne, it is known, is actively assisting in the negotiations.

King Pantomime in Ireland.

For the first time in history, my Dublin correspondent informs me, pantomime is on at all the Dublin theatres save one. The Dublin audience is not merely critical, but it is apparently also generous. At the first performance of "Humpty Dumpty" at the Gaiety bouquets were showered on the principals by an admiring audience.

Twenty-One-Year-Old Peer.

When Parliament opens in February next Lord Gage will be able to take his seat in the House of Lords, and will be the youngest peer of the realm. He has an engaging manner, as becomes a viscount of Ireland, a baron of England, and, best of all, a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards.



Lady Howard de Walden.

A Maternity Home.

Lady Howard de Walden is, I hear, establishing a maternity home at Park House, Albert-road, Regent's Park, in connection with Lady Lansdowne's Officers' Families Fund. It is a scheme that is likely to be much appreciated, as, apart from the fact that many of the wives of officers have no settled home during the war, I understand that the fees will be practically nominal.

Carols at Southwark.

On Saturday afternoon I went to Southwark Cathedral to hear the carols. Carol services are invariably popular, and I found the cathedral packed. About a dozen carols—including "God rest you, merry gentlemen" and "Blessed be that Maid Marie"—were beautifully sung by the trained choir of the cathedral.

An Echo of Another War.

A friend whose three boys are "somewhere in France" has accumulated a fine collection of war souvenirs. Besides "nose caps," shell cases and pieces of shrapnel, he has a pair of swords which were sent him by a young French officer, a friend of his youngest son. Their date and inscription show that they were used in the Napoleonic wars.

Life Without Marrons.

A flapper on whom the economy campaign appears to have had little effect tells me that her one fear now is lest Lord Devonport should introduce a marron glacé-less day!

THE RAMBLER.

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